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SUBJECT: SOVIET-YUGOSLAV TRADE PROTOCOL FOR 1978 SIGNED IN MOSCOW

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1. TRADE PROTOCOL CALLING FOR TRADE TURNOVER OF 3 BILLION DOLLARS
BETWEEN YUGOSLAVIA AND THE USSR IN 1978 WAS SIGNED JANUARY 27 IN
MOSCOW. ACCORDING TO SHORT TASS ARTICLE IN JANUARY 28 IZVESTIA,
SOVIET UNION WILL EXPORT METAL-CUTTING LATHES AND FORGING-PRESSING
EQUIPMENT, ENERGY, MINING AND ROAD-BUILDING EQUIPMENT, TRACTORS AND
AGRICULTURAL MACHINERY, AND TRUCKS AND PASSENGER CARS. YUGOSLAVIA
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WILL EXPORT ELECTROTECHNICAL AND FOOD EQUIPMENT, COMMUNICATIONS
EQUIPMENT, SHIPS, AND COMPLETE UNITS AND COMPONENTS FOR THE
PRODUCTION OF AUTOMOBILES AT THE KAMA AND VOLGA FACTORIES. BOTH
COUNTRIES WILL EXPORT RAW MATERIALS AND CONSUMER GOODS.

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2. COMMENT: SINCE SOVIETS HAVE NOT YET PUBLISHED FOREIGN TRADE STATISTICS FOR 1978 BY INDIVIDUAL COUNTRY, IT CANNOT YET BE DETERMINED HOW MUCH GROWTH IS REPRESENTED BY TARGET FIGURE OF THREE BILLION DOLLARS. ACCORDING TO SOVIET STATISTICS FOR FIRST 9 MONTHS OF 1977, TRADE TURNOVER WITH YUGOSLAVIA, 1,486 MILLION RUBLES (SLIGHTLY OVER \$2 BILLION AT "OFFICIAL" RATE OF EXCHANGE), HAD GROWN AT RATE OF 8.5 PERCENT OVER SAME PERIOD IN 1976. IF THIS RATE HOLDS TRUE FOR ALL OF 1977, THE GROWTH RATE FOR BILATERAL SOVIET-YUGOSLAV TRADE WILL HAVE FALLEN BELOW OVERALL GROWTH RATE IN SOVIET FOREIGN TRADE IN 1977 OF ABOUT 11 PERCENT, AND WORK AGAINST SOVIET GOAL OF INCREASING SHARE OF "SOCIALIST" COUNTRIES. SOVIETS HAVE ANNOUNCED GOAL OF 10 PERCENT GROWTH IN SOVIET FOREIGN TRADE IN 1978 AND HENCE WE WOULD EXPECT THIS TO REPRESENT MINIMUM GROWTH TARGET WITH OTHER "SOCIALIST" COUNTRIES, INCLUDING YUGOSLAVIA, SINCE THESE COUNTRIES' OVERALL SHARE IS PLANNED TO INCREASE TO 59 PERCENT OF SOVIET FOREIGN TRADE IN 1978.

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